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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS ANGOLA VERIFICATION MISSION

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 131 appear in the report of the Committee contained in document A/48/814.

2. At its 52nd and 56th meetings, on 16 and 28 March 1994, the Fifth Committee considered the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission". Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/48/SR.52 and 56).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/48/L.50

3. At the 56th meeting, on 28 March, the Chairman of the Fifth Committee, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission" (A/C.5/48/L.50).

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/48/L.50 without a vote (see para. 5).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 626 (1988) of 20 December 1988, by which the Council established the United Nations Angola Verification Mission, Council resolution 696 (1991) of 30 May 1991, by which the Council decided to entrust a new mandate to the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (thenceforth called the United Nations Angola Verification Mission II), and Council resolution 747 (1992) of 24 March 1992, by which the Council decided to enlarge the mandate to include an Electoral Division for the purpose of observing and verifying the electoral process in Angola,

Bearing in mind also Security Council resolution 804 (1993) of 29 January 1993, by which the Council approved the recommendation of the Secretary-General to maintain a Special Representative for Angola based in Luanda, with the necessary civilian, military and police staff, and subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Verification Mission, the latest of which was resolution 903 (1994) of 16 March 1994,

Recalling its resolution 46/195 B of 31 July 1992 and decisions 47/450 B of 8 April 1993, 47/450 C of 14 September 1993 and 48/465 of 23 December 1993 on the financing of the Verification Mission,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Verification Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Verification Mission, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

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1/ A/48/836, and Corr.1 and 2.

2/ A/48/902.

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Verification Mission by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Verification Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Takes note of the status of contributions to the United Nations Angola Verification Mission as at 24 March 1994, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 26,474,847 United States dollars;

2. Expresses concern about the deteriorating financial situation with regard to peace-keeping activities owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments, particularly Member States in arrears;

3. Reaffirms its resolution 48/227 of 23 December 1993, and stresses the need for the Secretariat to present budget documents on time in order to allow for a proper and thorough review and approval by the General Assembly of these budgets before their implementation;

4. Notes with satisfaction an improvement in the compliance by the Secretariat with certain General Assembly resolutions concerning the form of budget documents concerning peace-keeping operations;

5. Reaffirms the importance of the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as an advisory body to the General Assembly in the budget process;

6. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Verification Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy and in particular to implement fully the economy, financial and efficiency measures to be approved during the resumed forty-eighth session of the General Assembly and no later than 1 May 1994 and to report on the implementation of such measures in the context of the performance report relevant to the period;

8. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Verification Mission promptly and in full;

9. Affirms:

(a) That, among other factors, the failure by Member States to pay assessed contributions promptly and in full, as well as the fact that the General Assembly has unfortunately been led to consider approving peace-keeping budgets without adequate documentation, have damaged and continue to damage the ability of peace-keeping operations to implement their activities effectively;

(b) That it expects that it will not be asked to take any future decisions on budgets for peace-keeping operations retroactively;

10. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the Verification Mission the amount of 5,500,000 dollars gross (5,253,900 dollars net), authorized with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and apportioned under the terms of paragraph (e) of General Assembly decision 47/450 C for the operation of the Verification Mission for the period from 16 September to 15 December 1993;

11. Decides also to appropriate to the Special Account the amount of 6,296,100 dollars gross (5,990,900 dollars net), authorized and apportioned under the terms of paragraph (b) of General Assembly decision 48/465, for the operation of the Verification Mission for the period from 16 December 1993 to 16 March 1994;

12. Decides further to appropriate to the Special Account the amount of 5,246,750 dollars gross (4,992,375 dollars net), for the operation of the Verification Mission for the period from 17 March to 31 May 1994;

13. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 5,246,750 dollars gross (4,992,375 dollars net), among Member States for the maintenance of the Verification Mission for the period from 17 March to 31 May 1994 in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991 and 47/218 A of 23 December 1992 and decision 48/472 of 23 December 1993, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1992, 1993 and 1994 as set out in Assembly resolutions 46/221 A of 20 December 1991 and 48/223 A of 23 December 1993 and decision 47/456 of 23 December 1992;

14. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of $254,375 approved for the Verification Mission for the period from 17 March to 31 May 1994;

15. Decides further that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, the balance of the apportionment in the amount of 182,700 dollars gross (106,800 dollars net) authorized by the General Assembly in its decision 48/465 for the period ending 31 March 1994;

16. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the Verification Mission at a rate not to exceed 2,098,700 dollars gross (1,997,000 dollars net) per month for a period of four months beginning 1 June 1994, subject to the Security Council deciding to extend the mandate of the Verification Mission, the amount of 8,394,800 dollars gross (7,988,000 dollars net) to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

17. Decides that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the interest and miscellaneous income of $1,082,500 for the period ending 15 September 1993;

18. Invites voluntary contributions to the Verification Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

19. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission".